

# GERMANS HURL THIRD BIG ARMY AGAINST RUSSIANS IN POLAND BATTLE-KAISER ILL

## GERMANS BLOW UP ALLIES' TRENCH ON AISNE BATTLE LINE

Infantry Attacks by French Gain Ground Elsewhere Along Front—Artillery Duel on Meuse.

PARIS, Dec. 8. In their continued offensive against the Germans, numerous trenches have been captured by the Allies, says an official statement issued here this afternoon. It claims successes for the Allies along the great battle front at virtually every point but one, where the Germans mined and blew up a French trench. This was in the Aisne region, where infantry attacks, with advantages to the French, are also reported.

Particularly severe fighting is in progress in the Argonne, where several German trenches have been carried at the point of the bayonet. Along the heights of the Meuse the French artillery maintains its advantage, while in the Vosges points won by the French in their advance against Metz have been held despite furious counter attacks.

The Allies' defensive movement in West Flanders, which seems to have been concentrated in an attempt to advance against Roulers, is meeting with fiercer counter attacks by the Germans both north and south of Ypres. Night attacks have again become a feature of the struggle in western Belgium, and so terrible is the artillery duel that the sound of the big guns can be heard at Hazebrouck, 20 miles away from the scene of action.

On the extreme northern end of the line west of Nieuport there is a heavy cannonade. German guns were kept in action against the Franco-Belgian lines all night, it is reported from Ypres.

In that region the Germans have been struggling vigorously to make what progress they could while the storms prevented the French and British warships from shelling their lines, but now that the gales are abating the international war fleet will again be able to take part in the operations.

German prisoners report that the bulk of the cavalry which had been massed in West Flanders, when the German drive against the coast was begun, has been sent to Poland. On the other hand, big sections of French and British cavalry have been turned into foot forces, and the men are facing in the trenches alongside of the regular infantrymen.

The French military men in Paris say the attempts of the Germans to cross the flooded zone around Dixmude on flat-bottom boats have proved a costly failure.

It is reported from Hazebrouck that the pressure of the French and British has become so strong against the Germans holding the lines in front of Ypres, especially since Passchendaele fell into the hands of the English, that German headquarters have been removed from Roulers to Thir. This bears out the belief that the Allies have massed men for a drive against Roulers, which lies 12 miles northeast of Ypres and 16 miles west of Thir.

## PIERCE NEW FIGHT RAGING IN POLAND

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The Vosges gains made in the advance toward Metz have been maintained by Joffre's army. Russian forces landing near Batum routed a Turk detachment, inflicting heavy losses.

Servian troops have pierced the center of the Austrian army invading their country and captured 20,000 of the foe who were detached from the main body. This victory, Nish declares, terminates the Austrian sweep into central Servia.

## GERMANS PRESS FORWARD IN NEW WARSAW DRIVE

Advance Toward Novo Georgievsk From East Prussian Base.

LONDON, Dec. 8. Warsaw is now threatened from the north. German forces from Mlawa are pushing forward along the railroad leading through Novo Georgievsk to the Polish capital. Their lines extend over to Przemysl, 30 miles east, where they are now engaged with the Russians. Przemysl is 30 miles from Warsaw.

This is indicated not only in the movements of German troops which have been evident during the last few days, but the Russian official statement issued today mentions fighting in the Przemysl region. The fighting in this section is still in progress, the Russian statement declares.

The line on which the Germans now are endeavoring to advance is the same one over which troops tried to move during Field Marshal von Hindenburg's first thrust at Warsaw. The Germans attempted to come to the relief of the main army nearest Warsaw, but were headed off by the Russians and this made the retreat of von Hindenburg's forces necessary. The German commander is thus duplicating his first campaign.

## RUSSIA ADMITS KAISER IS PUSHING FROM MLAWA

Petrograd, However, Announces a New Movement Against Thorn.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.—From a reliable source it is said that the German forces from Mlawa, along their north line, are pushing toward Plock, their objective being the city of Warsaw.

Departments from Plock they are fighting their way down the right bank of the Vistula, and are said to be aiming to cross the river toward Lodz, 15 miles west of Warsaw. On the left bank of the Vistula the Germans from Gostynin have fought heavily through Nawa and Sieradz with the same objective—Warsaw and Lodz.

Quotations register that the Germans have been heavily reinforced from the west—by troops of the 1st army.



LADY DECIES Reported to have been wounded in Dunkirk, France, by a bomb from a German airship. She was formerly Miss Vivian Gould, of New York.

## LADY DECIES, HURT BY AIRMAN'S BOMB, MARKED FOR LIFE

American Woman Nursing Wounded in France Struck on Shoulder by Bursting Shell From Taube.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Dunkirk to the Westminster Gazette, describing the terror of the populace at the appearance of a taube over Dunkirk, reveals the wounding of Lady Decies, who was formerly Miss Vivian Gould, of New York, by a German aero recently. It says:

"On the occasion of the last visit of a taube, one of the bombs killed a woman and wounded a young girl so her arm had to be amputated."

"Lady Decies, who has been doing hard Red Cross work here for the past couple of months, happened to be passing close to the spot where the bomb fell. She was struck on the shoulder by a splinter of iron, and as long as she lives will carry the mark as a memento."

## BEYERS, WOUNDED, DROWNS IN SWIMMING VAAL RIVER

Boer Rebel Leader Meets Death in Attempt to Escape.

JOHANNESBURG, S. A., Dec. 8. Brigadier General Christian Frederick Beyers, the last of the leaders of the latest Boer revolt, was wounded in a fight near Bloemhof, before he was drowned in the Vaal river, trying to make his escape.

This official statement was issued last night, to clear the conflicting reports as to the manner of his death.

Bloemhof is a town just north of the Vaal river, on the railway line connecting Kimberley and Johannesburg. The Vaal river is the border line between Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

## CZAR VISITS TURKISH FRONT

Emperor Cordially Greeted in Caucasian Town.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8. Official announcement was made today that Czar Nicholas had gone to the Caucasian front.

Yesterday he visited Ekaterinodar, the chief town in the Province of Kuban, Caucasus. He was greeted there by representatives of the southern Cossacks and afterwards visited the hospitals.

## TOY SHIP RAN GAUNTLET

The Jason Halted Three Times by Warships.

GENOA, Dec. 8.—The American Christian ship Jason, which arrived here yesterday with gifts for the war orphans of Austria and Germany, was stopped by three warships while on her way to this port from Marseilles.

The warships, as soon as they learned the character of the vessel and her cargo, immediately drew off, but not before the officers had wished goodspeed to the Jason and her mission.

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## SERBS IN DASHING OFFENSE CUT OFF 20,000 AUSTRIANS

Piercing of Centre and Capture of Large Detached Force Halt Enemy's Invasion of Central Servia.

PARIS, Dec. 8. Twenty thousand Austrian troops have been cut off and captured by Servians in northwestern Servia. It is reported by the Journal correspondent in the southern theatre of war. His dispatch from Nish says:

"When the Serbs in a supreme offensive pierced the Austrian centre, 20,000 Austrians were separated from the main body and wandered aimlessly through the hilly country in small groups until captured."

"An irremediable defeat forced the Austrians to abandon their drive toward central Servia, but they shifted their pressure to the north around Belgrade in order to divert the attention of the Serbs. Two Austrian divisions which are attempting to fight their way along the Danube eastward to the Moravia valley are confronted by an equal Serb force in the Kosmaj Mountains, where a fierce conflict is now raging."

## AMERICANS SEEK RELEASE OF BARON HELD BY BRITISH

Von Horst Was Citizen of United States Before He Got Title.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The American Embassy is taking an active interest in the efforts to obtain the release from detention of Baron Louis von Horst, who claims American citizenship, and who is now held as an alien enemy.

Von Horst is quartered in the old liner Prince Edward, where a large number of prisoners are placed. His case has been attracting much attention, his friends including such well-known men as Franklin Lane, Governor Johnson, of California, and Otto H. Kahn. They have proposed that the British Government release him on the promise that he immediately proceed to California and remain there until the end of the war.

Von Horst was once an American citizen through his father's naturalization, and was a candidate for public office in Brooklyn. A few years ago he obtained the title of baron from the Duke of Saxe-Coburg. He believed that this violated his citizenship, and thereafter declared himself a German subject. When the war began he registered as such with the London police. Later, after being placed in a detention camp, he raised the point that his mere acceptance of a title did not destroy his citizenship.

The United States State Department has been wrestling with the problem, and has, it is said, practically reached a decision that the Baron is an American. There are still doubtful points, however, and today Second Secretary Bell of the Embassy will go to obtain certain statements from Baron von Horst.

There is no doubt that the British Government suspects von Horst of being a dangerous alien. He has taken part in numerous agitations, including the suffragette movement and strikes.

## DIXMUDE NOW IN ALLIES' HANDS, RUMOR IN BRUGES

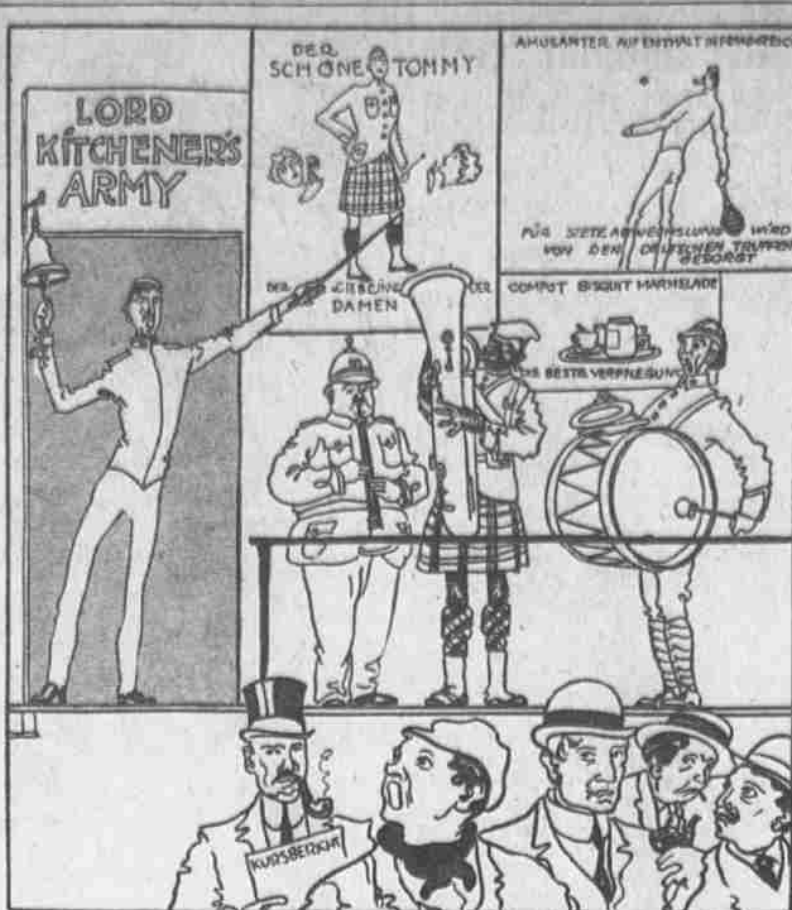
Advance Along Coast Said to Threaten German Flank.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8. It is rumored in Bruges that the Allies now possess Dixmude and have advanced to Zeebrugge, the last Belgian port. This rumor, however, is unconfirmed, says the correspondent of the Telegraaf at Sluis, who sends it in a dispatch to that paper. Zeebrugge is about seven miles directly east of Nieuport, and but six miles from the sea coast. Ghistelies is two miles further to the east. The report, if true, would indicate that the Allies have made the most substantial gain that has been effected by either side since the entrenched line was formed along the Yser River about the middle of October. Ghistelies is on the railway line as well as on the highway from Ostend to Thorout.

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A GERMAN "HIT" AT KITCHENER The British War Lord's methods of obtaining recruits are thus portrayed by a paper printed in Germany. While a "Tommy" Atkins expounds the glories of war and a band plays, the crowd is shown turning away coldly and unresponsive.

## RUSSIANS, LANDING FORCE. ROUT TURKS NEAR BATUM

Heavy Losses Inflicted—Holy War in Persia Feared.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says: "Stubborn fighting has occurred near Batum, Transcaucasia. Turkish forces from Trebizond attempted to prevent a Russian landing, but the guns of the transports, co-operating with the Russian infantry and frontier guards, routed them with heavy loss."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.—Advices from Salonika state that the sublime Porte is preparing a pamphlet for Parliament, calculated to refute the view taken in certain quarters that Turkish subservience to German arms caused Turkey to enter the war. It is reported that Ambassador Waugenheim helped to provide the material for the pamphlet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—All Persia is in arms, according to reports made public by the Board of Foreign Missions of the



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## "Many Good Men Gone"

Letter from Private A. G. Ritchie, London Scottish, to his mother at Briston-hill, S. W.

You will have heard by now that our battalion has been in action and greatly distinguished itself. When the order was given our half-company was, by some most unfortunate oversight, overlooked. We left on the 2d, at 8 p. m., and marched for eight miles or so, and put up for the night. In the morning we marched about the same distance, and joined the rest of the battalion. We have a comfortable billet here, and most of us slept for 10 or 12 hours last night.

The battalion has been withdrawn from the firing line, and no one knows if it is going back again. At any rate, it cannot go for some time yet, as most of the men have lost their rifles and equipment in action.

On Tuesday we were quartered in the town hall, and before we left the end of the building was hit, and one or two shells burst between that and the cathedral just behind. One or two houses down the street were also blazing furiously, and so we were not at all sorry to leave the place.

By all accounts the battalion has done great things, and the losses are not so heavy as was at first thought, although many good men have gone.

## Round of Joy Days

Letter from Driver A. T. Walker, cavalry supply column, M. T. A. S. C.

We had a great reception from the

warm-hearted French people on our arrival—in fact, a regular round of "joy days."

We have been close to many of the great engagements, and the troops we are supplying, the 8th and 15th Lancers and the 4th Hussars, are devils for fighting. All the "Tommys" are great, and "keep their end up."

We run very long journeys—reminds me of the long deliveries we had at home—but the men at the wheel are "the real Tipperary Boys." They keep things hopping at a fine pace.

Some of the nights are terrible; but now we move on, always on. We were in the thick of the great retreating movement when all the motors were "hot stuff," and put the show up properly.

## On Von Kluk's Trail

Letter from Trooper E. J. Smith, 10th Hussars, to his sister at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

We were the first British troops to get behind von Kluk's army, and we did have a fine fortnight's sport, chasing the stragglers and then nipping away again. When the rest of our troops from France came and the big battle started we were riding and fighting for about three days, and then had to leave our horses in a village and go into the trenches.

We had been in all one night, the following day and the next night, when the enemy discovered our horses and started to shelling them. My troop was sent to shift the horses, and I had just got two out, nearly into safety, when a shell burst right over my head.

How I escaped I don't know. The force of the explosion knocked me flat.

## Taube Pilots Burned to Death

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Three German aviators were burned to death at Bar-le-Duc today, when a well-directed French 75-millimeter shell struck the Taube in which they were flying over the place. The machine caught fire as it fell.

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